

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are currently pending in this application and have been subjected to a restriction requirement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 121 as being drawn to the following inventions:

Group I: claims 1, 3-12, and 26-27; and

Group II: claims 13-25.

Item 1 on pg. 2 of the March 28, 2008 Office Actions states that claims 1, 3-12, and 26-27 are drawn to color histogram processing, and that claims 13-25 are drawn to white balance value and processing. Applicants respectfully submit that this classification is incorrect and that “color histogram processing” is a feature of claims 13-25 (Invention II) and not claims 1, 3-12, and 26-27 (Invention I) as recited in the Office Action. It is noted that item 2 on pgs. 2-3 of the March 28, 2008 Office Action clarifies that Group I involves “a white balance processing means for effecting white balance processing ...” and Group II involves “color histogram processing ...,” as understood by the Applicant.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, corresponding to claims 1, 3-12, and 26-27, for prosecution on the merits.

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Prompt examination and allowance of claims 1, 3-12, and 26-27 is respectfully requested.

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